27. (Once amended) A nutritive medium powder prepared [according to the method of

claim 1.] by agglomerating a dry powder nutritive medium with a solvent.

28. (Once amended) A nutritive medium powder prepared [according to the method of claim 5.] by spray-drying a liquid nutritive medium.

29 (Once amended) A nutritive medium powder prepared [according to the method of claim 9.] by spray-drying a liquid nutritive medium to form a powder, and agglomerating said powder with a solvent.

- (30) (Once amended) A nutritive medium powder prepared [according to the method of claim 16.] by:
  - (a) forming a powder by
    - (i) agglomerating a dry powder medium with a solvent, or
    - (ii) spray-drying a liquid nutritive medium; and
  - (b) agglomerating an acid or base into said powder.

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37. (Once amended) A nutritive medium supplement powder prepared [according to the method of claim 2.] by agglomerating a dry powder nutritive medium supplement with a solvent.

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39. (Once amended) A nutritive medium subgroup powder prepared [according to the method of claim 3.] by agglomerating a dry powder nutritive medium subgroup with a solvent.

40 (Once amended) A nutritive medium subgroup powder prepared [according to the method of claim 7.] by spray-drying a liquid nutritive medium subgroup.

- 41. (Once amended) A nutritive medium subgroup powder prepared [according to the method of claim 9.] by spray-drying a liquid nutritive medium subgroup to form a powder, and agglomerating said powder with a solvent.
- 42. (Once amended) A buffer powder prepared [according to the method of claim 4.] by agglomerating a dry powder buffer with a solvent.
- 43. (Once amended) A buffer powder prepared [according to the method of claim 8.] by spray-drying a liquid buffer solution.

44. (Once amended) The nutritive medium supplement powder of claim 37 [or claim 38], wherein said nutritive medium supplement is serum.

47. (Once amended). The nutritive medium supplement powder of claim 37 [or claim 38], wherein said nutritive medium supplement powder comprises one or more nutritive medium components.

- 60. (Once amended) A sterile nutritive medium supplement powder prepared [according to the method of claim 56/by:
  - obtaining a nutritive medium supplement powder to be sterilized; and (a)